

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 05 October 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-13 and 25-33.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 101806.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. In the claims:

Claim 1, line 5, "Replicatively" has been deleted and – replicatively – has been inserted.

Claim 1, line 8, "Opening" has been deleted and – opening – has been inserted.

Claim 1, line 10, "Replacing" has been deleted and – replacing – has been inserted.

Claim 1, line 12, "Replicatively" has been deleted and – replicatively – has been inserted.

Claim 1, line 14, "Simultaneously" has been deleted and – simultaneously – has been inserted.

Claim 2, line 5, "Replicatively" has been deleted and – replicatively – has been inserted.

Claim 2, line 7, "Opening" has been deleted and – opening – has been inserted.

Claim 2, line 9, "Replacing" has been deleted and – replacing – has been inserted.

Claim 2, line 11, "Replicatively" has been deleted and – replicatively – has been inserted.

Claim 2, line 13, "Simultaneously" has been deleted and -- simultaneously -- has been inserted.

Claim 12, line 2, before "microstructured", -- several -- has been inserted, and "part" has been deleted and -- parts -- has been inserted.

Claim 12, line 3, before "microstructured", -- several -- has been inserted.

Claim 12, line 6, before "microstructured", -- several -- has been inserted.

Claim 12, line 10, before "microstructured", -- several -- has been inserted.

Claim 12, line 11, "part" has been deleted and -- parts -- has been inserted.

Claim 12, line 12, before "microstructured", -- several -- has been inserted.

Claim 12, line 14, "at least one" has been deleted and -- several -- has been inserted.

Claim 12, line 15, "part" has been deleted and -- parts -- has been inserted.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Allan Kuhns whose telephone number is (571) 272-1202. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 7:00 to 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Johnson, can be reached on (571) 272-1176. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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